Patent Attorney's Docket No. <u>022701-976</u>

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In re Patent Application of)
Patrice GOTTELAND et al.)
Application No.: Unassigned (Corresponds to PCT/FR00/01587)) Group Art Unit: Unassigned)
International Filing Date: 8 JUNE 2000)) Examiner: Unassigned
For: SELECTIVE SEPARATION OF IRON)
BY TREATMENT WITH N ION-	·· · ·
EXCHANGING RESIN COMPRISING)
DIPHOSPHONIC ACID GROUPS)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Copies of the references have been forwarded to the U.S. Designated/Elected Office by WIPO.

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialled copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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